

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -- INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled QUICK RELEASE SKI POLE AND STRAP SYSTEM described in the specification herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 12.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ no such person, concern, or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organization listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ INDIVIDUAL      ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN      ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF INVENTOR:

Galen Wells  
Galen Wells

November 18, 1993  
Date

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

9717-4

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,549,330, granted August 27, 1996, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled QUICK RELEASE SKI POLE AND STRAP SYSTEM

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:


The error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. The approved claims do not fully claim the invention in light of the prior art. The limitation in the approved claims of the button being on a lateral side (claim 1, line 21) is unnecessary, as is the limitation that the strap pin be ejected only by the means of an ejection mechanism (claim 1, line 13). New claims (claims 8 and 9), without these limitations, will broaden the scope of the existing claims yet will still be narrower than the claims amended in prosecution. At the time they were written, the approved claims were thought to be sufficient to adequately protect the disclosed invention.



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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR, OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT</b>		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> 9717-4
<p>This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.</p>		
Name of Patentee(s) Galen Wells		
Patent Number 5,549,330	Date Patent Issued August 27, 1996	
Title of Invention QUICK RELEASE SKI POLE AND STRAP SYSTEM		
<p>I am the inventor of the original patent.</p> <p>I offer to surrender the original patent.</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent has been made.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked.</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p>		
Signature 	Date August 26, 1998	
Typed or printed name Galen Wells		
The assignee owning an undivided interest in said original patent is _____ and the assignee consents to the accompanying application for reissue.		
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.		
Name of assignee		
Signature of person signing for assignee	Date	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee		

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